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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Sidney Peter Ross Jr. of Peoria, who passed away on June 5, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on April 10, 1944, in Peoria, to Ruth Jones and Sidney Ross Sr.; he married Martha Marie Chew on September 20, 1980; and

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WHEREAS, He was a graduate of Spalding Academy; after high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served proudly from 1964 to 1968; upon receiving an honorable discharge, he eagerly transferred into a Naval Reserve Command for another 2 years of service; he later attended Illinois Central College; and

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WHEREAS, He retired in 2009 after 38 years of service to Caterpillar Inc., where he had been a member of United Auto Workers Local 974; he was a member of St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church, now known as St. Joseph; he was a family man who loved his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; he avidly supported his wife in her community efforts and loved watching the Food Network channel and baseball; and

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1 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his
2 grandmother who raised him, Lucille Jones; his brothers, Ural
3 Jackson and Edward Jackson; and his sister, Dorothy Walker; and

4 WHEREAS, Sidney Ross Jr. leaves to cherish his most
5 precious memories: his loving and devoted wife, Martha Ross;
6 his daughters, Wondra Pie, Alzevette (Howard) Williams, and
7 Sidney C. Ross; his grandchildren, Tanieka, Raymond, Tiffani,
8 Brittani, Howard Jr., Quilo, and Bryson; his
9 great-grandchildren, Edmond, Eliyah, Julianna, and Evonne; his
10 niece, Shirley K. Walker; his nephew, Benjamin Walker; and a
11 host of other cousins, nieces, nephews, family, and friends;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
15 his family and friends, the passing of Sidney Ross, Jr.; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Sidney Ross Jr. as a symbol of our
19 sincere sympathy.